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MAKING AIIMS BUILDING EARTHQUAKE RESISTANT
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the IIT Roorkee has warned that the main building of AIIMS, New Delhi ,built in 1962-63, is extremely vulnerable to earth quake shocks, and the ward blocks of the hospitals will be highly unsafe during an earthquake;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether the AIIMS has referred the report to CPWD-specialists in retrofitting for its examination; and

(d)if so, the remedial steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) to (d) The All India Institute of Medical Sciences had entrusted the work of studyingthe existing buildings to the IIT, Roorkee in November, 2001. The team from IIT carried out investigative studies of ward block buildings and submitted its final report ofinvestigation carried out in April, 2005. The report has brought out that the buildings are grossly deficient against earthquake loading as they were not designed for earthquakeloads as per the prevalent practice in early sixties. The recommendations of the team have been referred to Central Public Works Department for their recommendations on the modalities of retrofitting procedure suggested by IIT Roorkee. The modalities for retrofitmentof the main building of AIIMS and other steps needed to reduce damage to the building in case of earthquake are being worked out by CPWD, in consultation with IIT, Roorkee.